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In re Application of: Thomas L. DiStefano III

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For: METHOD OF MODERATING EXTERNAL ACCESS TO AN ELECTRONIC
DOCUMENT AUTHORIZING, DEVELOPMENT AND DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

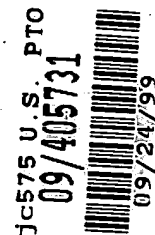
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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicant hereby notifies the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office of the documents which are listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 and which the Examiner may deem relevant to patentability of the claims of the above-identified application. These references were submitted by Applicant in the parent application No. 09/273,991. Pursuant to 37 1C.F.R. § 1.98(d), Applicants are not required to submit copies of these references.

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Applicant respectfully requests that the listed documents be considered by the Examiner and be made of record in the present application and that an initialed copy of Form PTO-1449 be returned in accordance with MPEP §609.

Respectfully submitted,

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